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The Office Action mailed November 17, 2005, has been carefully reviewed and, by this Amendment, Applicants have canceled claims 10 and 14-28 without prejudice or disclaimer, amended claim 1, and added new claims 29-44. Claims 1, 2, 4, 7 and 29-44 are pending in the application.

In the Office Action, restriction was required between I) claims 1, 2, 4 and 7, drawn to a combination vehicle bed assembly; II) claim 10, drawn to a subcombination bed assembly; III) claims 14-20, drawn to a dump vehicle; IV) claims 21-23, drawn to a vehicle and engine; and V) claims 24-28, drawn to a bed converting assembly.

Applicants hereby elect Invention I claims 1, 2, 4 and 7 drawn to a combination vehicle bed assembly without traverse. New claims 29-44 are also readable on the elected invention. Accordingly, Applicants now request examination of and action with respect to the patentability of claims 1, 2, 4, 7 and 29-44.

The Examiner also required election between one of three patentably distinct species as represented by Figure 1 versus Figure 2 versus Figure 8. Applicants elect the species represented by Figure 2. Claims 1, 2, 4, 7, 29-36, 38 and 40-43 are readable on the elected species. Claims 1 and 40 are generic.

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With the foregoing election, amendments and new claims,
the application is in condition for examination on the merits.

Should the Examiner have any questions or comments, the
Examiner is cordially invited to telephone the undersigned attorney
so that the present application can receive an early Notice of
Allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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